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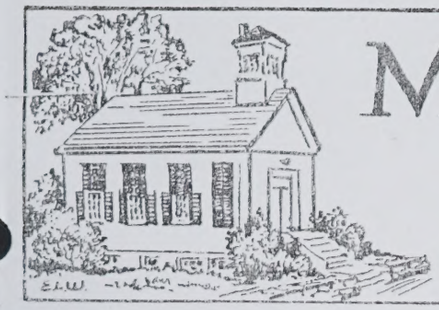

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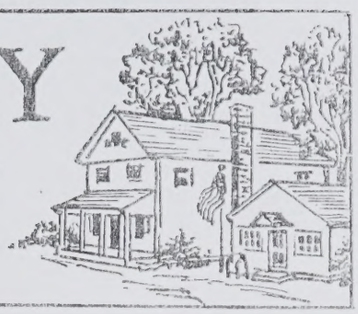

January, 1976

OUR TOWN

Henry Knox Comes to Monterey

At 2:37 p.m. on Sunday, January 11 Henry Knox and his men trudged out of the 18th century into Monterey. The landscape was white, the white buildings of Monterey's general store, church and post office blending into the translucent, sleety snow, a white road, a colorless sky. Three wagons came, pulled by black Clydesdale horses. Two were in trouble with axles bent or broken. All carried assorted barrels, leather cases, burlap-wrapped stores. A yoke of oxen, white as the white around them, hauled cannon. Around them walked the sore-footed soldiers -- cold, blankets wrapped over the red, white and blue homemade uniforms. Henry Knox came too, purple-cheeked with the cold, astride a horse he had just that week learned to ride.

Sheldon Fenn had monitored the march all day, from its beginning at Butternut Basin that morning. The men had gotten a late start but Shel noted that the snow eased the cannon-carrying sleds on their way. By the time it reached Leonard and Cynthia Weber's Hayloft Gallery, the company had made up one hour of lost time. Avalon School was lunch stop. McDonald's provided the "Big Macs," Avalon School children the breathless wonder. By 2:00 p.m. most of the foot soldiers had turned into the Nursing Home for cake, more coffee and conversation.

Then Monterey. Sheldon Fenn, official Henry Knox welcomer for the Town, wore his father's black bearskin coat and hat for the occasion but few townspeople were on hand when he greeted the marchers. Ray Tryon made his garage available for the broken wagons and the men responsible for their repair. Wagons and artillery settled in Greene Park with Monterey Cub Scouts in attendance. Lois Ryder's 4-H'ers got up to Tom Bradley's barn to stand watch with the horses.

Back in the village the Monterey Historical Society, represented by Georgiana O'Connell, Anne-Marie Makuc, Gertrude Gould and others welcomed William Wilbur, portraying Henry Knox, and Dick Raymond, March Re-enactment Leader, to the new Henry Knox room at the Monterey Library. Their signatures and those of their men are the first in that new room's guest register.

Candles came alight inside the church. Arthur Hebert, hammer in hand, prepared to climb the church belfry. The wheel on the bell rope had broken but Arthur was determined that the bell should ring at 5 o'clock for the special Henry Knox church service. It did. Knox and his men filled the front pews. Reverend Brallier, Lois Rose, Wallace Tryon, Sheldon Fenn and John Makuc led the service of thanksgiving and recognition.

Police Chief Douglas Lyman and Deputy LeRoy Thorpe, stationed outside, began to gather courage for an all-night vigil after a day that had begun at dawn. A good dinner helped. The dinner was a masterpiece, representing all of Monterey hospitality. Turkey, beef stew, meat loaf, spaghetti, escalloped potatoes, salads of many varieties, desserts, coffee and sodas -- all contributed by Monterey families and served by the Girl Scouts and the O'Connell girls. Adrienne O'Connell had organized it all. Weeks of work went into the meal, so beautifully served, abundant and graciously offered.

With dessert, host families arrived to pick up marchers billeted with them by Linda Hebert. All guests were escorted to warm beds by parents and children, wide-eyed at the thought of soldiers staying overnight in their homes.

Norman Seigerman was one of many Monterey householders who rose next morning at five to fry bacon and eggs for his guests, tuck nibbles of cheese, crackers and cookies into 18th century pockets for mid-morning snacking, pile duffel bags into the back of station wagons for carting -- with soldiers -- to mid-Monterey by seven. That's when Paul and Mary Thorn loaded their car with a vat of hot coffee and piles of doughnuts -- donated by Albert Phoenix -- and drove ahead to set up a wayside refreshment station midway between Monterey and Otis.

Three hours later not a trace of Henry Knox remained, not a man, a horse, a cart; not a laugh, a groan, a whinney or snort. All gone. Gone toward Cambridge bringing cannon and men to General Washington, marching to the shrill of a single fife.

Bette Seigerman

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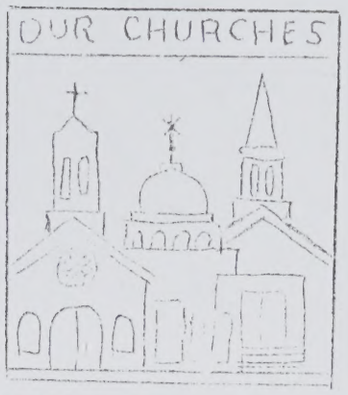

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday 10:30 a.m. There is care for small children during the morning worship. . . . Church school each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . Baptism of Kip Matthew Loder December 21.

17/76 Achievement Fund Drive in February

The missions committee has decided that the time for the Monterey Church to make its commitment to the 17/76 Achievement Fund is during the month of February. At an earlier time the church set as its goal for this fund the sum of $4,000. The 17/76 Achievement Fund is directed primarily toward strengthening the six black colleges associated with the United Church of Christ.

Healing Service Combined with Great Barrington Church

The Monterey Church has decided to place its emphasis on the healing ministry on a joint service with the First Congregational Church of Great Barrington. These services will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Monterey News

Many times during this Bicentennial season we will be reminded of the glorious achievements of our past. But we will not be without anxiety about the future.

For instance, up to now we were led to believe that whatever our government declared to be"in the national interest" justified any harm done by us anywhere in the world. However, this justification does not hold any more, for no nation's security can be preserved any longer without preserving the security of all nations.

Since this interdependence has become a fact, the next logical step toward our future survival would be the creation of an organization consisting of the best thinkers of the world meeting together in order to find rational solutions to our continued existence. Only then may we expect some lasting answers to our urgent need for mutual trust and security, answers that in spite of our ever-increasing arms supply have totally escaped us so far.

In the meantime we ourselves will have to form new attitudes to cope with the many global problems that affect us all. In this enormous effort we will require the help of our young people, whose aspirations we have neither encouraged with the size of our gross national product nor with our military capacity of manifold overkill.

Therefore we have to find the means to broaden their self-concern into a significant participation in the life of the nation. We can do that in recognizing that we have to adapt our counter-productive nineteenth century thinking to completely changed circumstances.

In our willingness to adopt the philosophy of our native Americans: to live as feeling people in a tumultuous world.

In making up our minds that, no matter what ideologies separate us, we all share in a common humanity.

In abolishing poverty for humane as well as for economical reasons. The latter as argued by Seymour Melman, professor of industrial engineering at Columbia University:

"The very poor use more police and fire-services, more courts, more jails, more emergency medical care, more social work and more welfare-resources of all kinds than any similar employed population. The social cost of a 'lumpen-proletariat' also appears in the unproduced goods and services lost to the whole society, owing to their unemployment and under-employment."

Hence common sense and human decency should make it imperative for us to realize that in tomorrow's world only a commitment to kinship and mutuality will make for a peaceful existence.

Fred Lancome
Monterey

MAKING A NEW PEOPLE

(This article is a slightly revised version of the statement made on the occasion of the Henry Knox Trail celebration in Monterey January 11, as the trail marchers with their oxen, horses, cannon and other equipment were making the re-enactment march to Boston.)

Today our minds are reaching backward in imagination. This very day, before our eyes we are visualizing one of the many dramas played out in the making of a new nation. Why was a new nation being formed? Two hundred years ago it was already an old familiar drama on the human scene. Systems of government may break down. They may be created to promote human betterment, and yet bit by bit they may drift into becoming systems of tyranny and oppression.

In England in the year 1215 a great breakthrough in human freedom was made. The Magna Carta was signed. It was a charter of liberty and it seemed to insure a new birth of freedom. Yet what was all this stir going on in 1776? What was the meaning of this troop of men trudging through the western wilderness of Massachusetts toward Boston early in January, 1776? We all know that story. In England, the land of the Magna Carta, liberty had fled. Oppression was rampant. Justice was shackled.

Now hear the cry of Isaiah, speaking on behalf of God, from a period several thousand years earlier than this drama occurring in the Massachusetts wilderness.

> Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
> And former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. . .
> I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy.

What was the occasion for this kind of talk? Two things had happened. The nation of Judah, which had begun with such promise for a new age had fallen. It had fallen largely because their land had become riddled with oppression and injustice. It had fallen also because the sweep of empire from the east had engulfed it. But the prophets reminded them over and over again that the main cause of their fall was the failure of justice within their own borders. This brings us into touch with a mighty drama that continues to work its way through the human scene.

Creation is a continuing work of God. An important part of this continuing creation is to work toward more justice within human societies. Hear some of the more specific descriptions Isaiah presents of his dream for the new Jerusalem.

> No more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping.
> No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days.
> They shall not build and another inhabit.
> They shall not plant and another eat.
> They shall not labor in vain, nor bear children for calamity.
> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

It comes through very clearly. Through the prophets of Israel, and through many of the Christian apostles, the vision of God working to make a new people continues. This is the central core of the drama. This is what it is all about.

The continuing creative work of God is to bring a new, a more just humanity into being. This is what so much of the Biblical story is about. If we read the dramas surrounding the early history of our nation, we know that the very blood and sinew of this new land was centered around forming a people where justice and opportunity should prevail for all the people.

We might wish that the dream of our forebears two hundred years ago had remained and grown as a hope shining more and more perfectly down to our day. But we know by now that history does not move in straight lines. Here was Israel founded as a special people of God, where justice and light sere to prevail. Yet 500 years later their nation was crumbling, largely from injustice and internal decay. Here was England, land of the Magna Carta, yet 500 years later England was anything but the champion of justice and freedom. Here was America, land of the free and home of the brave, being shaped from severe suffering and hardships two hundred years ago. Yet is there anyone who does not know that the dream has faltered and that much of the promise for justice and opportunity lies before us unfulfilled -- or worse, betrayed.

There are those who in reading the facts concerning the unfulfillment or the betrayal of the dream for justice become cynical and disillusioned. Yet here in this place of worship, here before the God who gives himself untiringly for his new creation, let us dedicate ourselves anew to becoming the people he is calling into being. The worst betrayal of all would be to let the unrealized dream paralyze or discourage us. In every generation God renews his invitation for people to share in his continuing work of creation. Today the mantle of hope is placed upon our shoulders. For you and me, today and tomorrow, new opportunities to act as a people who believe in justice are placed before us. Let us accept with joy these new opportunities to let liberty ring throughout the land.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

On December 6 Peter and Janice Dunlop Cairns announced the birth of a son, Joshua, in Keene, New Hampshire.

The Christmas and New Year season was celebrated this year with an especially joyful holiday spirit. Even the 6° temperature on the night of December 16 failed to keep people away from the lighting of the big spruce back of the main house. A full moon illuminated the scene, as a large circle joined hands around the tree, singing carols. Carol singing was held in the living room each Thursday night in December. On the 16th there was the annual pilgrimage to the top of the hill back of Little House. Luminaries lighted the trail to the tree, which had been previously selected, and was carried down to the living room. On December 20 it was decorated with the usual ornaments and with freshly made strings of popcorn and cranberries. Cookies and hot chocolate were served.

On December 21 a large group from the Farm attended the candlelight service in the Monterey Church. On the 23rd Monterey carolers sang at Gould Farm. On the 24th a candlelight supper was held, as has been the custom for almost fifty years. The traditional white gift service followed. Then, undaunted by weather -- it was 8° below zero -- the Farm group, with friends from Monterey, went down Topside Hill to the barn to view the live manger scene staged there. A number attended the midnight service at St. James. On Christmas day residents and visitors enjoyed the holiday dinner and the Open House at Topside, home of Kent and Nancy Smith. On the 28th an Open House was held at Rosemary Cottage by the Reverend and Mrs. Samuel McKee and their sister, Ella Waihing. From all accounts, the New Year's Eve party was a hilarious affair. On New Year's day another Open House was held at the Lower House by Joe and Ruth Burkholder.

Evelyn Chamberlain continues to recuperate steadily from her recent illness and operation. She is at the home of her daughter in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Mary Boyle from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a student at Antioch College, has joined the staff for a three months' work period.

Paul Carter, who makes his home here, and who is a student at Earlham College, is on the staff this semester, his work period from college.

Rose McKee
Harriet Phillips

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On December 17 52 members, families and friends enjoyed a variety Christmas Program which was followed by a bountiful and delicious covered dish supper. There was a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who was graciously played by Milton Wright from Canaan, Connecticut, a member of Sandisfield Grange. Joseph Zilka from Otis has become a member of Monterey Grange, coming on a demit from Otis Grange, which has disbanded

The next meeting will be on January 21, when our annual Youth Night will be held.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Monterey Council on Aging is happy to report that the Great Barrington Senior Center is in full swing, and is now offering various crafts instructions free to Seniors. Our council has worked jointly with the Great Barrington Council for several years to provide services and programs to the elderly. Many of our townspeople are now participating in these projects. Raymond Drumm, chairman of the Great Barrington Council, asked to please extend their invitation to all Monterey senior citizens to join in the activities, or just visit the center, located on Castle Street. While there, ask Mrs. Claire Teague, director of the center, for a discount card and a listing of businesses which take part. To be eligible one must be 65 years of age or over.

Alfred W. Mollé
Chairman

PHILERGIANS

Our Christmas meeting was held at the home of Marie Brallier. As each person arrived she was presented with a small stuffed tree, bell or cane.

We were favored with a group of Christmas carols played by an instrumental group called "The Silver Bells" composed of Gladys Dunlop, Patricia Howard and Harriet Phillips on recorders, Ruth Carr, autoharp, Helen Shaw, melodica, and Margery Janes, viola. We were pleased to have Pat Andrus on the piano and Sylvia Brallier on the flute, accompany Marie Brallier for two Christmas carols and our carol sing.

Several of our members were consulted about our January meeting. We agreed to skip this meeting. Weather permitting, a Teacup Auction will be held in February, either the 16th or the 23rd. The date and place will be announced later.

Marie Brallier
Chairman

4-H NEWS

Monterey Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club

Meat Loaf baked with Mushroom Gravy and Pork and Squash in foil were the two items we made in our cooking club this past month. We did not have classes during the Christmas vacation.

Kristine Heath, Teen Leader

Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club

The meeting of January 5 was cancelled due to illness. Our next meeting will be on February 2.

The club made a large wooden key and presented it to the Knox Trail Riders on Sunday, January 11. The key was presented by the club president, Kristine Heath.

Christine Papp, News Reporter

Monterey Lick'em & Stick'em Stamp Club

The stamp club will be holding meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Monterey Community Club

On February 18 two sessions on Record Keeping will be held in the church social room. The first one will be 3:00 to 5:00 and the second will be 7:00 to 9:00. On February 4, at the Berkshire Gas Company in Pittsfield, a Record Workshop will be held for the county. The State 4-H Horse Leader will be present to help those specially interested in horse records.

The Poster and Window Display Contest will be held during the week of February 23-27.

Several of the 4-H members helped during the Knox Trail event in standing guard at Bradley's barn for the horses and at Tryon's garage with the cannon. Members of the Horse Club helped escorting the horses up to Bradley's Sunday afternoon and also back to the center of Monterey Monday morning.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

Plans are well underway for a dance which will be held in late winter or early spring. The group have had a business meeting and a swimming party at Hebert's. During December they presented a play at the Town Christmas Party.

WEBELOS AND CUB SCOUTS

The Webelos and Cub Scouts stood guard for the cannon during the Knox Trail event. A Pack Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, at the New Marlborough Town Hall. The program will be a great event, the Pine Wood Derby. During the weekly meetings the Webelos have been Sand Painting and Woodworking.

The Cub Scouts went on a nature hike and explored for animal tracks and cones, etc. There was ice skating at the Fish Hatchery, along with a demonstration of ice fishing. The boys have been busy making bird feeders out of detergent bottles.

Both the Cub Scouts and Webelos participated in the Town Christmas Party.

Next month's theme will be "Knights of the Round Table."

GIRL SCOUTS

The Brownies will be starting up again on Thursday, January 22, at Mrs. Bradley's house. The girls presented a play, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," at the Town Christmas Party.

The Juniors, along with a few Cub Scouts, presented the Nativity Story at the Town Christmas Party. During the weekly meetings the girls have made mobiles out of construction paper and wire, animals out of papier mache. Every month the girls write to a person at the Monterey Nursing Home.

The Cadettes took it upon themselves to be in charge of the dinner for the Knox Trail event. The girls made all the desserts, set up the tables and cleaned up afterwards.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

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Community Dinner January 28

Another in the series of community dinners, which have proved a great success, will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 6:30 in the church social room. Bring a covered dish. Everybody welcome. It is a family affair, so bring the younger members of your family. There will be a person responsible for child care during the program after dinner. For details of the program see below. The following are members of the committee planning this month's dinner: Dean and Fran Amidon, Margaret White, Ellen Blount and Janet Volckhausen.

Group of Townspeople Propose to Buy Monterey Store

There has been a group of Monterey people investigating the idea of the Monterey community buying the Monterey Store and making it a community cooperative store. There will be an informational presentation at the community dinner Wednesday, January 28, and an open meeting for further information and discussion on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the church social room.

For further information call Ellen Blount, 528-1988, or Barbara Gauthier, 528-1624.

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The workshop will be held starting Friday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m., and will continue through Saturday, January 31, at 9:00 p.m. The cost of the workshop is $35.00. Those using the Journal initially pay $15 for the private, registered journal they will use.

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